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1. THE CHANCELLERY (RUFHUS) HAS NOW ADVISED US THAT
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT SAYS JANUARY 25 IS AN IDEAL DAY FOR
HIM TO MEET WITH VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT MONDALE. AS
REPORTED EARLIER (REF B) THE CHANCELLOR WILL BE
RETURNING FROM ENGLAND ON THE 24TH. ON THE 26TH, HE
WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN A SMALL SPD PARTY CONGRESS.

2. WHAT THE CHANCELLOR PROPOSES WOULD BE TO BEGIN
THE MEETINGS ON THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 25 WITH A
PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN HIMSELF AND MR. MONDALE.
AFTER THAT, THE CHANCELLOR WOULD PROPOSE EXPANDING
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THE MEETING TO INCLUDE FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER,
FINANCE MINISTER APEL AND ECONOMIC MINISTER FRIDERICH,
SINCE HE ASSUMES THAT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
TOPICS WILL BE A PRINCIPAL ELEMENT OF THE AGENDA. IT
IS POSSIBLE THAT OTHERS MIGHT BE ADDED, DEPENDING
ON THAT AGENDA.

3. THE CHANCELLOR WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT TO A SMALL DINNER ON THE EVENING OF THE 25TH. HOWEVER, HE HAS AN EARLIER COMMITMENT TO HOST A DINNER FOR THE SPD ON THE EVE OF ITS CONGRESS. HE IS TRYING TO CHANGE THAT COMMITMENT. IF HE CANNOT CHANGE IT, HE WILL INVITE THE VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT TO LUNCH ON THE 25TH, WHICH HE HOPES WILL BE AGREEABLE.

4. RUHFUS SAID THE CHANCELLORY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD BE IN TOUCH FURTHER ON TOPICS, AND INVITED ANY THOUGHTS WE MIGHT HAVE.
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